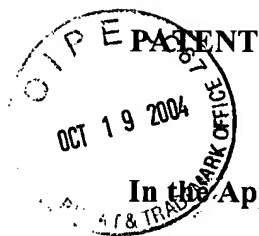


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED 9-21-04

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 21, 2004, Applicants submit the following correction to the "Listing of Claims" section of the Office Action Response dated August 26, 2004, and repeat the arguments previously set forth.

Applicants present a corrected complete listing of the claims, including canceled and pending claims, beginning at page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.